

THE  
FOUNDATION  
OF FAITH

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# **JAMES 1:2-4**

**My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.**



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**But let patience have its  
perfect work, that you may  
be perfect and complete,  
lacking nothing**



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**A real Christian is an odd individual anyway. He feels supreme love for One whom he has never seen, talks familiarly every day to Someone he cannot see, expects to go to heaven on the virtue of Another,**

empties himself in order to be full, admits he is wrong so he can be declared right, goes down in order to get up, is strongest when he is weakest, richest when he is poorest, and happiest when he feels worst.



He dies so he can live, forsakes  
in order to have, gives away so  
he can keep, sees the invisible,  
hears the inaudible, and knows  
that which passeth away

A. W Tozer



# FUNCTIONAL DEFINITION OF FAITH

## 1. Faith provides a foundation for my hope - v. 1a

Greek word for faith is *pistis* and it's a word that is used 243 times in the New Testament.

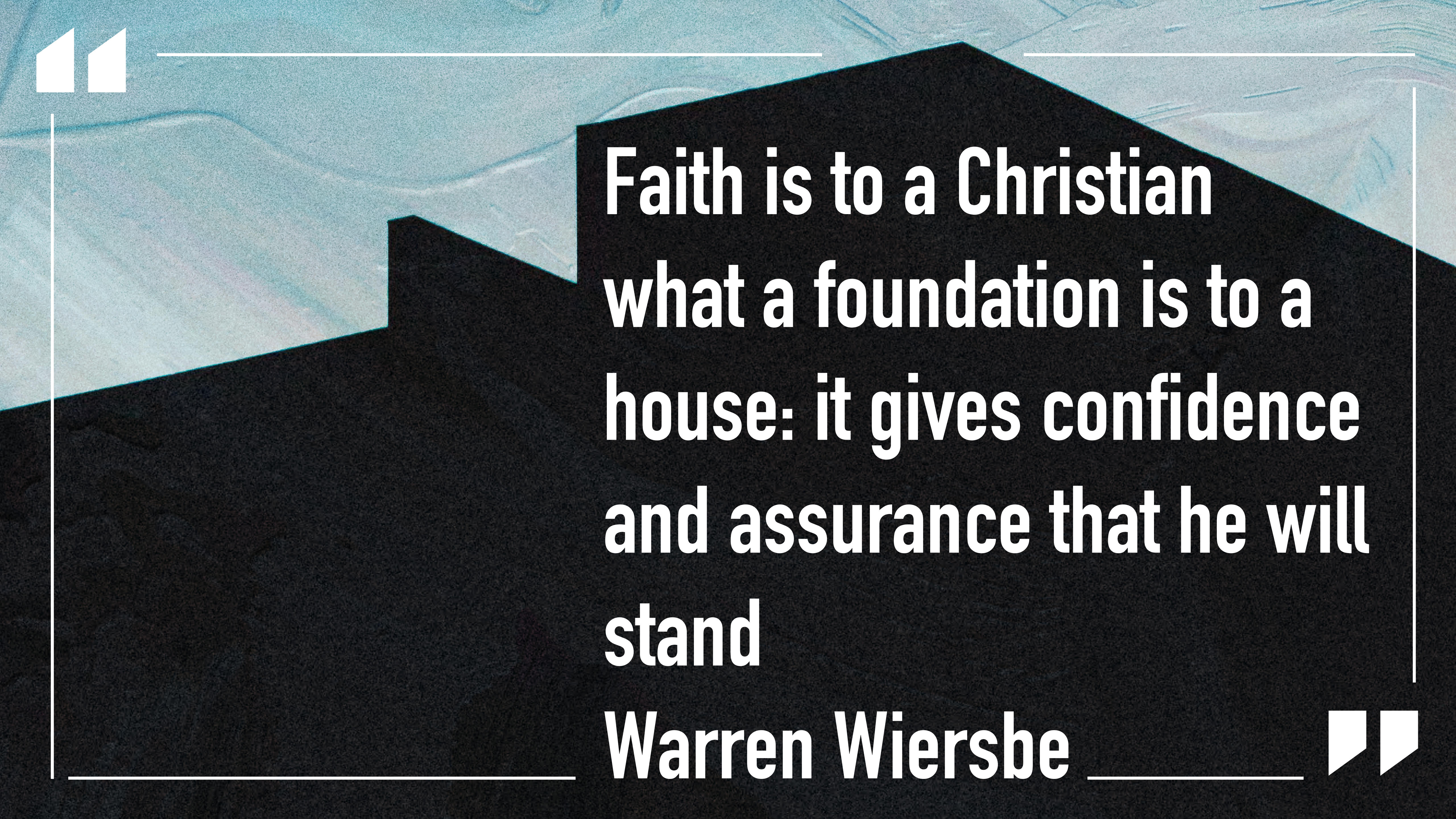
It means “belief, trust, confidence or assurance”



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Faith is based on, “the substance”  
This Greek word is *hupostasis*  
made up of two words:  
*histemi* which means “to cause  
to stand” and *hupo*, which means  
“under,” or “to stand under”





**Faith is to a Christian  
what a foundation is to a  
house: it gives confidence  
and assurance that he will  
stand**

**Warren Wiersbe**



# FUNCTIONAL DEFINITION OF FAITH

## 2. Faith produces a conviction for the present - v. 1b

“The evidence of things not seen”

The NKJV translates the Greek word *elegchos* as “evidence”

but it could also be translated

“proof or conviction”



# FUNCTIONAL DEFINITION OF FAITH

## **3. Faith prioritizes actions worthy of approval - v. 2**

“For by it the elders obtained a good testimony”



**Our faith and trust fulfills  
its purpose by pleasing God**



# **DANIEL 3:16-18**

**Shadrach, Meshach, and  
Abednego answered and  
said to the king,**

**“O Nebuchadnezzar, we  
have no need to answer**



# **DANIEL 3:16-18**

**you in this matter. If that is the case, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace,**



# **DANIEL 3:16-18**

**and He will deliver us from your hand, O king. But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods,**



# **DANIEL 3:16-18**

**nor will we worship the  
gold image which you have  
set up”**



**God looks for one thing—Biblical faith  
A faith that's willing to move forward  
in faithfulness, a faith that is  
“the confidence of things hoped for,  
and the conviction of things not seen”**





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